



# OUTRAY

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### LEAPING WOLF BADGE

Steven John Ovens of 1st Newton Park  
Jared Daniel Dyer of 1st Lorraine  
Darren Hattingh of 1st Uitenhage (SOE)  
Ryan Hattingh of 1st Uitenhage (SOE)  
Dylan Keegan Prinsloo of 1st Cotswold  
Nishaal Daya of 1st Cotswold

### FIRST CLASS BADGE

Erika Demeyer and Sarah Lower  
of Algoa Sea Scouts  
are the first Girl Scouts in Cape Eastern to earn the  
Scout First Class Badge

### Akela Veronica Davies

Of Algoa Sea Scouts received a Special Recognition for  
her many years of dedication to Cubs

### 1ST Cotswold Scout Group's

website has received another three awards for design  
and content – pushing the total number of awards  
received to four. Visit the site at

[www.geocities.com/1st\\_cotswold/](http://www.geocities.com/1st_cotswold/) and leave your  
comments or messages for others to see in the guest  
book.

## AREA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Humewood Scout Hall - First Avenue,  
Summerstrand  
3rd November - 14.00 hrs**

All Adult Leaders and non-uniformed Committee members  
are invited to attend, to complete plans for the year 2002.  
Accommodation can be arranged for members coming  
from far afield and members of the Training Team, so that a  
Team Meeting can be held on Sunday Morning - 4th  
November.

## CUB PACK TOUGHEES CHALLENGE 2001

As part of this year's Toughees Challenge a "care bag" had  
to be filled with items for underprivileged scholars. The 1st  
Cotswold Cub Pack donated their bags to local squatter  
children who live relatively close to the scout hall. These  
children range from as little as 3 years old, are doing a  
"clean up" of the koppie next to the scout hall. A local lady,  
Mrs Magda Ellis, who is extremely passionate about the  
environment, is supervising this project. Although only  
four children turned up they were speechless when they  
were handed the "care bags" as well as cooldrink and  
popcorn.



*L to R back: Sanushin Pillay, Ross Holmes. Middle Darren  
Gelderbloem, Lyall Blaauw, Trenton Matthew. Front: Brendon  
Zeelie, Colin Fouche, with the underprivileged kids.*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

09 October	Troop Scouters' Council
13 October	Skilkana, for Cubs and Scouts, Uitenhage
15 October	Trivial Pursuit Evening (POW WOW fundraiser)
18 October	P.E. See-O-Nee
20-21 October	JOTA
20 October	P.E. Cub JOTA
28 October	P.E. Scout Soccer Challenge
03-04 November	Area AGM
11 November	P.E. Cub Cricket Challenge

15 November	E.L. See-O-Nee
17 November	Canoe Race
30 November	Cub Carol Service, P.E.
10-19 December	SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng

### 2002

02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, Gilwood, East London
25-28 April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
28 Dec-07 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

# INVESTITURE OF SCOUTS & CUBS

## Keiskama Hoek - Central Region

On 21st September, after many months of planning, a large group of Cubs, Scouts and Guides marched through the main street of Keiskama Hoek and assembled at the nearby school grounds. Here boys and girls from the following Groups were invested.

Ngobozana Pack -	22 cubs;
Kayalabantu Group	23 cubs (girls)
	17 cubs (boys)
	33 scouts (girls)
	20 Scouts (boys);
Zanokhanyo Group -	8 scouts;
Hlabahlaba Group -	10 cubs;
St Matthews Childrens Home -	6 cubs,
	18 scouts;
Lungeloletu Group -	21 cubs.

The Girl Guide Movement also used the opportunity to invest a number of new members. St Matthews Childrens Home - 11 Brownies - 8 Guides - 9 Ranger Guides.

The teachers and parents who attended were enthusiastic. We were approached by a number of teachers from other schools who were keen to get involved in the Movements. All in all a very successful day, despite the constant threat of rain.

**Ernie Pike**



*St Matthew's Childrens Home Cubs and Scouts*



*All the Cubs invested at Keiskama Hoek*



*All the Scouts invested on this day.*



*Kayalabantu Girl Cubs about to be invested.*



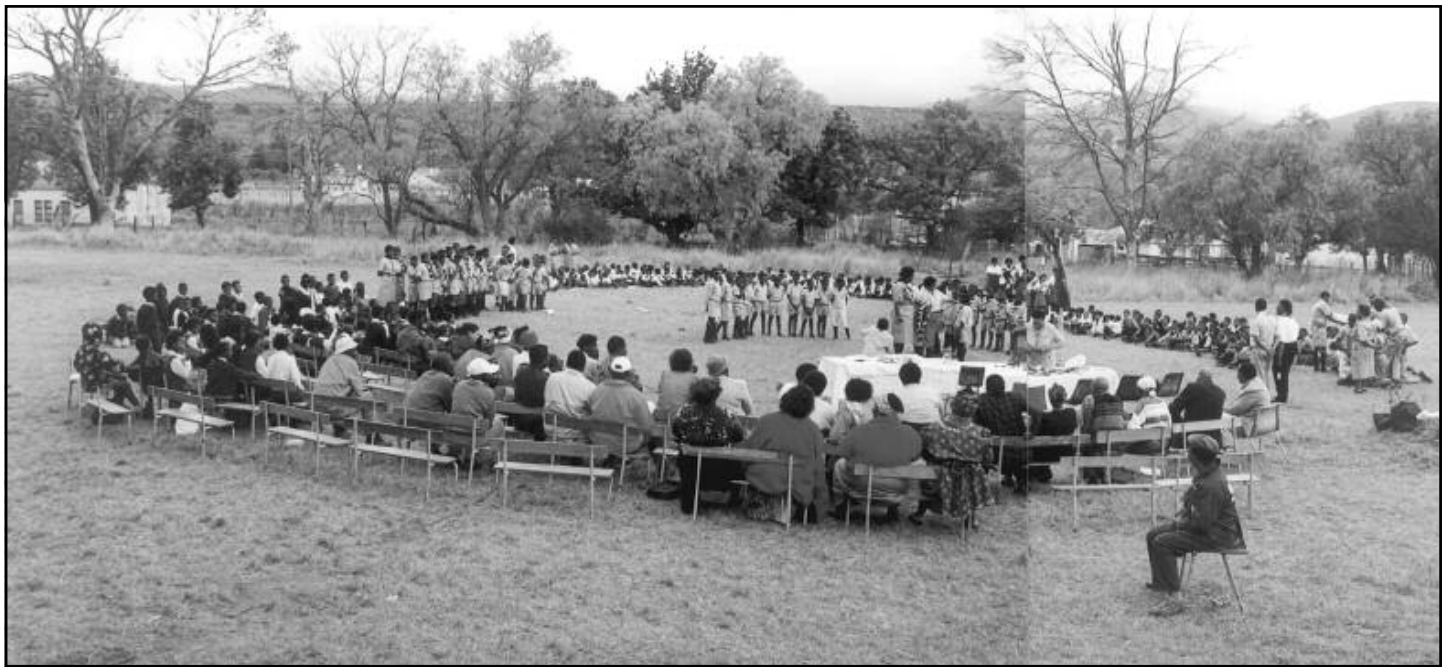
*St Matthew's Childrens Home Girl Guides also took advantage of the occasion to invest new members.*

## OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

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**<http://come.to/mlitho>**

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.



*The entire gathering at the investiture at Keiskama Hoek*

## LION CAMP – THE FLIP SIDE OF THE COIN!

The September edition of OUTTRAY carried a report by Lisbet Demeyer on the Algoa Lion Camp held at Loerie.

**With acknowledgements to Algoa Anchor News we give you the views of some of the participants:**

**Akela Leslie Pike, 1st Cotswold:** I was privileged to be part of the Algoa Lion Camp, which was a first for me. Although we ran a wet programme all weekend, there was a dry programme just in case the rain stopped! My cubs thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and felt they had achieved a lot. The facilities at Loerie Educational Centre were very good, only the 'loo' was a little too far away from the sleeping quarters for some of our older scouters! When the rain stopped, we all rushed outside and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and went on all the hikes that we could manage. The birdlife was wonderful, the 'pied wagtail' being one of the special birds that I saw. The highlight of the camp for everyone was when the camp leader (Akela Veronica) demonstrated how to slip gracefully while hiking on a muddy path. I'm sure she must have done it before – she went down so smoothly, without any effort at all. As one of my cubs said: 'if you enjoyed the camp, you must get dirty.' Thanks to Algoa for a wonderful weekend.

**Candice, St Croix Cub:** It was really funny when Dragonfly slipped down the hill, when we walked to the

graveyard. I really enjoyed making our tent, but it was a pity we couldn't sleep in it. The best part is when we got to beat the boys! I wish that there is a same camp next year!

**Iggy, St Croix Cub:** That was not the best camp that I've been to, because I was the only boy from my pack. But I found new friends such as Nicholas, Jody and Brandon. I enjoyed seeing people fall in the mud and enjoyed braaing.

**Tara, St Croix Cub:** I didn't enjoy myself on the camp, 'cos the weather was bad. I got sore feet because of the wet grass. Building the tent was fun. I enjoyed being with my six and collecting seeds.

**Samantha, St Croix Cub:** The Lion camp was the first camp that I've been on with Cubs. I enjoyed it when Dragonfly slipped in the mud, it looked very funny. I also enjoyed building the tent, but I still hated the soup (stew) it was terrible!

**Wasp, St Croix Cub Pack:** Thank you to all the wonderful (and mischievous) cubs (bugs). Especially to all the spiders: Jared, Kyle T, Devon, Jody and Iggy – thank you for not being too hard on me. Thank you to Cockroach and Mosquito for the edible food. Special thanks to Algoa. I hope this is the first of many camps we can experience with you.

## SKILKANA 2001

1ST UITENHAGE (SOE) WILL HOST THIS POPULAR  
EVENT ON SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER  
AT

COLLEGE HILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
TIME: 9.00AM FOR 9.30AM

ENTRANCE FEE: R3 PER CUB / SCOUT  
(INCLUDES A BLANKET BADGE)

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

Cubs please respond to Hilda de Vroom Tel 9924101

Scouts please respond to Johan van Rooyen

Tel (a/h) 9662045 or (cell) 083 458 1455

## SOCCER CHALLENGE FOR SCOUTS, GUIDES AND RANGERS

THIS ANNUAL EVENT, ORGANIZED BY THE 1ST  
COTSWOLD SCOUT GROUP, WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2001 AT 11.30AM SHARP.**  
**VENUE:** TENNIS CLUB AT THE TECHNIKON MAIN CAMPUS.

**ENTRANCE FEE:** R10-00 PER GROUP

REFRESHMENTS, AS WELL AS OUR FAMOUS  
HAMBURGERS, WILL BE ON SALE

Please respond to Wayne Roberts Tel (work) 5024993  
(a/h) 3793597 (cell) 082 905 7152 or  
E-mail WRoberts@OLDMUTUAL.CO.ZA

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TIME

The last edition of Outtray 2001 will be a combined November/December issue. The new year, 2002, will commence with a combined January/February edition.

Christmas greetings are welcomed and will be printed in the November/December edition of Outtray. Deliver your Christmas greetings to Scout Shop, P.E., or fax them to the Scout Shop on (041) 374 4096. Alternatively, e-mail to [mlitho@iafrica.com](mailto:mlitho@iafrica.com) before Wednesday 7th November.

## LIFT NEEDED

A scout from 2nd Kabega Scout Troop is needing a lift to PLTU course in East London - **2nd January 2002**. If you have space for an extra scout in your car, please contact: Beulah Cox 372-1859 (W), 360-6868 (H) or Cell 083-256 6925

### Contributions can be:

Delivered to Scout Shop P.E.

Faxed to the Scout Shop on (041) 374-4096

Email them to [mlitho@iafrica.com](mailto:mlitho@iafrica.com)

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## SAVE LIFE SAFELY!

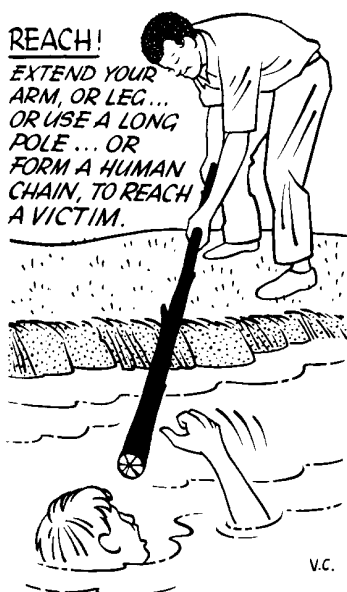
### SUMMER IS UPON US!

Both cubs and scouts will be, more and more, doing things outdoors and among them will be swimming, whether in a pool, a river, the sea or a farm dam. Where there is water, there is danger of drowning - all scouts should be able to swim, so plan your Summer programme around swimming instruction for those scouts or cubs who are unable to swim well - and Lifesaving instruction for the good swimmers. Without their swimmers badge no scout can use a boat or even a pioneering raft, so see the fun you are missing!

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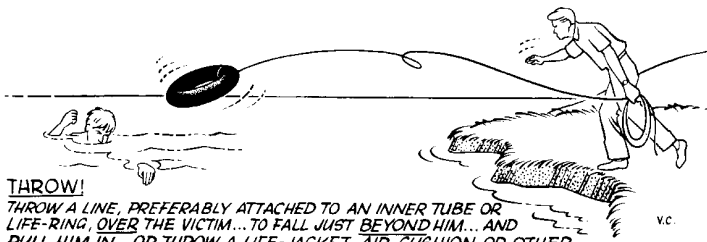
### REACH!

EXTEND YOUR ARM, OR LEG... OR USE A LONG POLE... OR FORM A HUMAN CHAIN, TO REACH A VICTIM.



### THROW!

THROW A LINE, PREFERABLY ATTACHED TO AN INNER TUBE OR LIFE-RING, OVER THE VICTIM... TO FALL JUST BEYOND HIM... AND PULL HIM IN. OR, THROW A LIFE-JACKET, AIR-CUSHION, OR OTHER FLOATABLE ITEM HE CAN HOLD ON TO UNTIL RESCUED.



### ROW!

BOARD A BOAT AND ROW TO THE VICTIM. HAVE HIM GRAB THE STERN, AND TOW HIM TO SAFETY. OR USE A CANOE, HAVE HIM GRASP THE SIDE, AND TOW HIM TO THE SHORE.



### GO!

IF NO LINE, POLE, BOAT, CANOE OR OTHER AID IS HANDY, JUMP IN FEET FIRST, WITH A SHIRT OR A TOWEL IN YOUR TEETH. FLIP IT TO THE VICTIM... TOW HIM TO SAFETY. DO THIS ONLY IF YOU ARE A STRONG SWIMMER!



Unless you are trained in lifesaving, do not plunge recklessly into the water in an effort to save a life.. you could be risking two lives, your own as well as the victim's! The secrets of successful rescue are quick thinking, quick action, and knowing what to do. You can help in these ways, advises Boy Scouts of America:

**1. REACH!** From the shore, extend your arm, or your leg, or a long pole, or anything else that the victim can grab hold of, and be hauled to safety. Or, three or four of you can hold hands securely, wrist-to-wrist, to form a human chain, with the huskiest fellow as anchor man — the anchor man, ideally, having if possible a firm hold on a tree or other suitable object.

**2. THROW!** If a life-ring attached to a long light rope is handy, throw it out to the victim and haul him in. You can make such equipment yourself, for using at swimming spots: An inflated inner tube can be attached to a suitable line. A long light pole is easy to acquire. If items such as these are not on hand in an emergency, even an inflated tyre, or an air cushion, or large-ish log of wood, will keep the victim afloat until he can be reached.

**3. ROW!** If a boat is handy, row to the victim, and have him grab the stern. Or, paddle a canoe out to him, have him grasp the side, and then tow him to safety.

**4. GO!** Only as a last resort, and if you are a trained lifesaver, or at least a powerful swimmer, should you go out to the victim. Jump into the water feet first. Carry a shirt or a towel in your teeth. When you are close to the victim, flip it to him and pull him to safety.

**TRAIN FOR IT:** Train all members of your Patrol in the above rescue methods. Better still, also undergo proper training and become expert lifesavers. Further, get expert instruction in appropriate First Aid — including mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, etc.

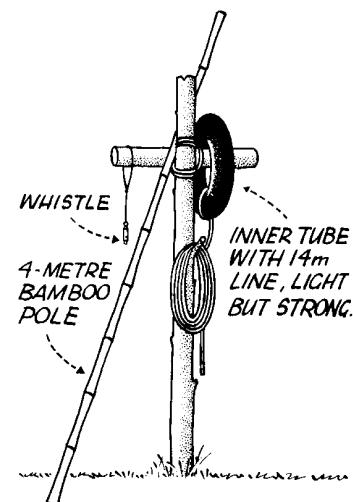
### FOR SAFETY, USE THE BUDDY PLAN

The Buddy Plan, originated by Boy Scouts of America, was devised to help ensure safety when a group goes swimming, as follows:

1. Each boy is paired with another boy who has the same swimming ability.
2. Buddies check into the water together, always keep within 3

metres (10 feet) of each other, and check out together.

3. There's a "Buddy up" signal, such as a whistle blast. Whenever the signal is sounded during the swim, buddies grasp each other by the hand, so that the lookout man can check the number of buddy teams.



**SAFETY POST... FOR USE AT WATER ACTIVITIES SITES.**